

You are invited to participate in the
42nd ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS



”WEST INDIAN WEEK”

Thursday July 29 – Saturday August 7, 2004

The aim of the West Indian Independence Celebrations is to deepen the larger Hartford-based residents and surrounding community's understanding of the Caribbean and its peoples, while strengthening our participation in all aspects of community life in the Greater Hartford area.

The “Special Events” highlighted below, will help to accentuate the emancipation and independence of the Caribbean nations – by imparting to the peoples of Connecticut the cultural diversity of the Caribbean.

HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday July 29th 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.:

A CARIBBEAN NIGHT on the Bloomfield Town Green located at 800 Bloomfield Avenue – Bloomfield, Connecticut. Contact: Yvonne King (860) 726-1832 or Leslie G. Perry (860) 243-5540 – lperry14@aol.com.

Saturday July 31st -12:00 Noon – 6:00 p.m.:

CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA on the Windsor Town Green located at 275 Broad Street – Windsor, Connecticut. Contact: Doreen Richardson (860) 275-2514 – folkstonepark@hotmail.com
Contact: Sheena Petrolito (860) 869-2806 - miksheen727@comcast.net

Saturday July 31st - 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

“CELEBRATION WEEK TALENT EXPLOSION”: featuring a live band “MAHOGANY SOUNDS” with Special Guests: Lady Kim and the Gifted Ones Dance Group at Weaver High School Auditorium – 415 Granby Street – Hartford, Connecticut.
Contact: Randall or Nate Jenkins (860) 242-2774 – hartfordnate@yahoo.com.

Sunday August 1st – 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICE & GOSPEL CONCERT – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

At Central Baptist Church – 457 Main Street – Hartford, Connecticut.

Contact: Benita Toussaint (860) 249-4806 or Yvonne King (860) 726-1832.

Monday August 2nd. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.:

MEDICAL PANEL DISCUSSION: A focus on issues, which affects the Caribbean & African American Community. To be held at the West Indian Social Club, 3340 Main Street – Hartford, Connecticut. Contact: Tracey Harris-Dowdell (860) 461-0575 – tashstorm@yahoo.com

Wednesday August 4th - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

EMANCIPATION PROGRAM: A Screening and Panel Discussion on LIFE & DEBT, a film by Stephanie Black hosted by MICO Alumni Association at the Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford – 3340 Main Street – Hartford, Connecticut. For reservation call (860) 695-6324 or Calvir Ferrier (860) 604-7821- micochapter@yahoo.com

Thursday August 5th -11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OUTDOORS LUNCHTIME CONCERT at Riverfront Recapture – Downtown Hartford.

Music by High Voltage Reggae Band. Funded in part by the Evelyn Preston Memorial Fund.

For more information contact: Keith L. Carr, Sr. (860) 241-0379 or westindian@snet.net

First Thursday August 5th - 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

A TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN and Official Reception at 960 Main Street (1st Floor) Hartford, Connecticut. Music By High Voltage Reggae Band. Island foods and refreshments available. Tropical Attire Welcome. Presented in cooperation with the West Indian Foundation and the Greater Hartford Arts Council. For details call (860) 243-5540, lperry14@aol.com , Marva Douglas-Brito (860) 683-4046, stanb57@msn.com

Saturday August 7th – 12 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD WEST INDIAN PARADE: Special invitation to Steel, Costume, Music and Brass Bands, Sound Systems, Floats, Stilt Walkers, Clowns, Drill Teams, Marching Units, Color Guards, Drum and Bugle Corps and much more, an event for the whole family. APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT ALL THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS or by calling (860) 241-0379, westindian@snet.net (860) 688-2985.

Saturday August 7th – 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.:

INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & “Tribute to Caribbean Nation”

at the Sheraton Bradley Hotel, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Music provided by **RUFF STUFF 3AND** with **Mr. Kool, Recording Artist** from Jamaica and Charmaine John from Trinidad. Tickets \$65 Per Person – Table(s) of 10 or more reserved.

For information Leslie G. Perry (860) 243-5540 or lperry14@aol.com

OF SPECIAL INTERESTS

July 15 – September 18 - Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CARIBBEAN ART EXHIBITION at Capital Community College, 950 Main Street (11th Floor) Hartford, Connecticut. Featuring works of local, national and international artists.

Yvonne C. Harris, Guest Curator

➤ **ARTISTS RECEPTION: Thursday August 12th - 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Special Guest: Rudy Ferreira, Exhibiting Artist

Entertainment featuring the Alvin Carter Trio and Story Teller Karen M. Johnson - Refreshments served

The West Indian Foundation, Inc. in partnership with Capital Community College, a public, open door educational institutional institution committed to the metropolitan community it serves, sponsors this **"ANNUAL CARIBBEAN ART EXHIBITION"**, open to the public. Partial funding for this exhibition is made possible through support the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, Culture and Tourism and the Greater Hartford Arts Council; additional support includes the West Indian Independence Celebrations.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: (860) 241-0379, 549-1424 or E-Mail: westindian@snet.net

Sunday August 1st - 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.:

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION in Keney Park at the Keney Barbour Area, featuring Sports, Recreation, Entertainment program and activities for and by youths.

For detailed information and participation call (860) 241-0379 or westindian@snet.net

Tuesday August 3rd - 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.:

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR at the Community Health Services located at 500 Albany Avenue – Hartford Connecticut. Free dental screenings for kids, health screening for adults, music, refreshments and much more, sponsored by the West Indian Foundation in partnership with the Community Health Services in cooperation with City of Hartford Public Works and Recreation Departments and the West Indian Independence Celebrations. Music made possible through a grant from the Evelyn Preston Memorial Fund. Contact: (860) 241-0379, R. Michael Winters (860) 808-8792 or westindian@snet.net

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➤ **CARIBBEAN MARKET FAIR: Friday September 17th – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

"The Caribbean – Not Just Sand, Sea and Sun."

The Caribbean Market Fair will be held at Capital Community College at 950 Main Street – Hartford, Connecticut to celebrates the contributions of the Caribbean people in Connecticut. A joint effort by the West Indian Foundation and the Secretary of the State's Office, with support of the Capital Community College and the World Affairs Council.

The event will feature food, music, and culture of the Caribbean, as well as workshops on trade and services offered by the Caribbean islands. The event is open to the public – All are welcome.

For information: (860) 241-0379, (860) 509-6258 or Harland@po.state.ct.us

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Island Nights

➤ **Sunday August 1 - 9:00 p.m. Until:**

“BARBADOS NIGHT” at the Barbados American Society – 126 Homestead Avenue – Hartford, Connecticut. Michael Browne (860) 241-0558.

➤ **Monday August 2nd - 9:00 p.m. Until:**

“ST. LUCIA NIGHT” at the Barbados American Society of Hartford, 126 Homestead Avenue – Hartford, Connecticut.
For information call Pame Daniel (860) 242-8219

➤ **Tuesday August 3rd – 9:00 p.m. Until:**

“JAMAICA NIGHT” at the West Indian Social Club of Hartford – 3340 Main Street – Hartford, Connecticut. For information call Andrew Lawrence (860) 982-1755 ameman65@yahoo.com or Hugh B. Freeney (860) 833-3922 hughfreenet@yahoo.com

➤ **Wednesday August 4th – 9:00 p.m. Until**

“GUYANESE NIGHT” at the West Indian Social Club of Hartford, Inc. – 3340 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Contact: Walter L Benjamin (860) 242-0378 wbctfs@snet.net

➤ **Thursday August 5th – 9:00 p.m. Until**

“JAMAICA PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE NIGHT” at 1118 Albany Avenue – Hartford, Connecticut. For more information call Collin Edwards (860) 525-7993.

➤ **Thursday August 5th – 9:00 p.m. – Until:**

“CARIBBEAN LADIES CULTURAL NIGHT” at the West Indian Social Club – 3340 Main Street – Hartford, Connecticut. Call Eulanda Balfour (860) 688-2985.

Friday August 6 – 9:00 p.m. Until

“CARIBBEAN CLUB NIGHT” at the Caribbean American Society located at 181 Homestead Avenue – Hartford, Connecticut. Call Brenda Russell (860) 680-3093.

For More Information contact:

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| ➤ West Indian Foundation, Inc. | - (860) 241-0379 |
| ➤ West Indian Social Club of Hartford | - (860) 247-5659 |
| ➤ Caribbean American Society of Hartford | - (860) 247-0306 |
| ➤ Jamaica Progressive League – Hartford Chapter | - (860) 525-7993 |
| ➤ Barbados American Society of Hartford | - (860) 241-0558 |
| ➤ Sportsmen's Athletic Club, Inc. | - (860) 525-6281 |